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SUBJECT: REPORTED TESTIMONY BY MR. WILLIAM COLBY ON  
DIEGO GARCIA

1. THE INDIAN STATESMAN ON JULY 26 CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE STORY FROM WARREN UNNA IN WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, MR. COLBY, HAD TESTIFIED TWO WEEKS EARLIER IN A SECRET SESSION OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL SOVIET BASE BUILDUP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BUT WOULD BE IF THE US MILITARY PROCEEDED WITH ITS PLAN TO BUILD UP DIEGO GARCIA. UNN ALSO REPORTED THAT REAR ADMIRAL GROJEAN IN THE CNO'S OFFICE HAD DECLINED TO REPEAT EARLIER ANY ESTIMATES OF THE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON THIS STORY, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO HANDLE PRESS QUERIES, AND, IF AVAILABLE, THE TRANSCRIPT OF MR. COLBY'S AND ADMIRAL GROJEAN'S TESTIMONY.  
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